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VACUUM ASSISTED CLOSURE SYSTEM WITH HEATING AND COOLING PROVISION

(Title of the Invention)

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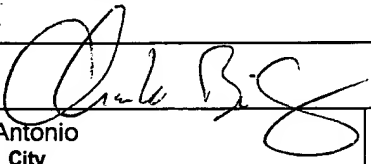
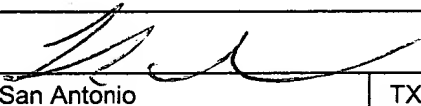
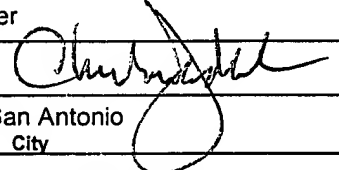
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